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the book is the discussion of biblical terms, where the author ventures to differ not infrequently with Professors Wellhausen and W. R. Smith. Thoroughly modern is the view that by demon possession, whether in the New Testament or elsewhere, nothing more is meant than certain diseases superstitiously regarded as due to demoniacal influence. One statement for which proof would be hard to find is that the deities of other peoples were by the Hebrews regarded as evil spirits or demons with which magicians and diviners were supposed to traffic. Those who desire the gathering together of the bulk of the material on this subject in a small space will find this little book useful. It may be added that a portion of it was published as an article in the *American Journal of Semitic Languages*, July, 1898. G. S. G.

The Student's Life of Jesus. By GEORGE HOLLEY GILBERT, PH.D., D.D. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1898. Pp. 412. \$1.25.

We have already noticed this admirable handbook, but it is a pleasure to see that it is republished by the Macmillan Co., and thus is likely to get into larger circulation. As we have said before, so we say again, it is the best handbook for the student of the life of Christ in English, and any Sunday-school teacher who really wishes to study the life of Christ sympathetically and intelligently cannot do better than adopt it for class work. S. M.

LITERARY NOTES.

CHARLOTTE M. YONGE has written a characteristic story of the period of the Maccabees, entitled *The Patriots of Palestine* (with illustrations by W. S. Stacey), in which she traces the history of the Maccabean revolt, and with enough of the element of fiction to make the exciting events even more exciting. It would make a good book for a Sunday-school library. (New York: Thomas Whittaker, 1898; pp. x + 263; \$1.25.)

EATON & MAINS published, something more than a year ago, a *Manual of Ecclesiastical Architecture*, by Professor William Wallace Martin (pp. xviii + 429; \$2), and careful examination shows it to be a model of compact statement and clear analysis. Its hundreds of cuts enable the student to appreciate the development of the cathedral as

well as of the modern ecclesiastical building. Especially valuable is the author's description of the essential elements of the various schools of architecture.

WE have received the seventh and eighth volumes of *The Critical Review* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark; New York: imported by Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1897 and 1898; pp. 508 and 502; \$2, *net*), edited by Professor Salmond. The worth of this review is well known, and it is already an indispensable element in our theological literature. We could wish that a larger proportion of the main reviews were given to American and German literature. We note, however, the appreciative notices of several American publications, among them the *American Journal of Theology* and the BIBLICAL WORLD.

THE second volume of the pamphlet *Official Attacks on Christianity, or the Anti-Christian Crusade* has been received from Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd., London. In it are gathered together a number of extracts from the official records and publications of various organizations, churches, congresses, universities, publishing societies. According to this writer, Canon Gore's *Bampton Lectures*, as well as those of Ottley, are attacks upon faith. It also attacks the *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges*, because it is written upon "critical" lines. Its special attack seems to be directed against the *Guardian*, which it regards as a serious menace to the Christian faith! There is, it is true, we fear, little comfort in the present tendencies in theological study for the writer of this pessimistic pamphlet.

THE Fleming H. Revell Co. has issued a second edition of R. F. Weidner's *Theological Encyclopædia and Methodology* (Chicago, New York, and Toronto, 1898; pp. 296; \$1.50). The present volume is concerned with "Introduction and Exegetical Theology." In it the literature bearing upon the various departments of theological study is classified, to much of which are appended brief characterizations. The volume, of course, does not pretend to give an exhaustive bibliography, but contains what, with exceptions, is probably the best literature. Unfortunately many important and serviceable books are omitted. Under New Testament grammar there is no mention made of Blass, and it is a mistake to omit the volume by Zenos in the list of volumes upon the higher criticism, as well as Gilbert's excellent book from the list of the Lives of Christ. Of especial value is the paragraph upon the select literature of exegesis, although here it may very well be that the judgment of scholars will differ in the selection of books. It is

especially unfortunate that it omits much of the critical literature. But the book is sure to be exceedingly serviceable.

GERMAN publishers have brought out several magnificently illustrated editions of the Bible that compare favorably with the *éditions de luxe* of any publication house. Chief of these is, no doubt, the beautiful *Kaiserbibel*, of which, unfortunately, only the New Testament has been issued. It has a historical value, because many of its fine initials, pictures, etc., are the exact reproduction, in color also, of the most famous miniatures of the Middle Age. The editors were Emil Frommel and H. Steinhausen. The former price of 60 marks has been reduced to 25 by the publisher, Pasch, of Berlin. Another series of splendid illustrations for the Scriptures has been published by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, under the title *Die Bibel in Bildern*, consisting of 240 wood cuts of the size 22 × 26 centimeters. This work appears in a number of editions, ranging from 30 to 105 marks for the *Prachtausgabe*. It is issued by Wigand, in Leipzig.

THOMAS WHITTAKER has published a little volume by J. H. Rylance, D.D., entitled *Christian Rationalism: Essays on Matters in Debate between Faith and Unbelief* (New York, 1898; pp. 220; \$1.25). The volume is written in an interesting and earnest style, and discusses some exceedingly important matters, as is seen from the titles of the chapters: "On Free Thought," "Reason and Faith," "Inspiration and Infallibility," "The Racking Doubt," "Existing Dissensions between Science and Religion," and "Historic Foothold for Faith." Among these we would especially call attention to the discussion of the relation of inspiration and infallibility, and that upon the historic foothold for faith. The latter chapter, it is true, covers tolerably familiar ground, but it is done in a way that would be likely to fasten the chief points of historical apologetics in the reader's mind. Altogether, it is a helpful little book, and can be read with advantage by any Christian who is intelligent or who wishes to be intelligent.